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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 23, 2009, Applicants respectfully request continued examination and reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 8 of this paper.